



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number : 09/692,746
Filing Date : October 18, 2000
Inventor(s) : Keith David Bussell
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN
ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM

Group Art Unit : 3621
Examiner Name : Firmin Backer
Docket No. : 40624/SAH/S850 Date: March 29, 2004

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
(1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on October 27, 2003, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
☒ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on March 29, 2004
☐ via Express Mail
☒ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
(2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid
☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

- a. Previously submitted
☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

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- b. Other:
 X Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
 X Petition for Extension of Time
 X Other: Copy of previously filed IDS

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please address all correspondence to **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068.**

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Application No. 09/692,746

| PART I — BASIC FEE | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| BASIC FEE | Small Entity \$385.00 | Large Entity \$770.00 | \$770 |

| PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE) | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims | 48 | *51 | 0 | x \$9.00 | x \$18.00 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | **3 | 0 | x \$43.00 | x \$86.00 | 0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | \$145.00 | \$290.00 | 0 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | | | | | | \$0 |
| List Independent Claims: 1, 29 | | | | | | |
| * IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID OR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE. | | | | | | |

1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*

a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)

A check for \$770 is enclosed.

- b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**